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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Georges Gosselin et al.  
Application No.: 09/983,043 Confirmation No.: 8201  
Filed: October 22, 2001  
Title: Bolted Metal Joist and Method of Manufacturing the Same  
Examiner: Yvonne M. Horton  
Group Art Unit: 3635

**AMENDMENT D**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.